

ROUSED BY FOREST FIRES

Alarming Situation Confronts
Government

LIVES ARE ENDANGERED

A Conference Held at the War Department—An Effort Is Made to Provide Measures for Protection.

Washington, Aug. 23.—Positive evidence that many of the forest fires in Oregon are of incendiary origin has been discovered by government agents.

This is the statement in a telegram received at the offices of the forestry bureau from Assistant District Forester Cecil of Portland.

Mr. Cecil says in his dispatch that there is no doubt that the fires in the Crater national forest and at Medford resulted from incendiary and that new fires are being set constantly.

He reports that he has started 25 men on scout duty in an effort to catch the culprits.

Fires in the Crater national forest in southern Oregon and at Medford, Ore., are proving more serious every hour. Assistant District Forester Buck has gone from Portland to take personal charge of the situation.

He says that the troops there will be used to protect life and property and it will be hard to extinguish the fires without the aid of rain. He confirms the report that every effort will be made to keep the fires on the eastern slope.

War department officials began a conference yesterday forenoon in an effort to find means of sending additional fire fighters to the stricken Northwest.

Appeals for help from the federal government, not to protect the forests, but to save human lives, poured into Washington yesterday.

The precarious situation was laid before President Taft by telegram with a view to executive action, and the last five companies available for fire fighting duty and army surgeons were ordered to the relief of the sufferers.

Government surveyors have telegraphed that forest fires are raging 21 miles south of Republic, Wash., on the Colville Indian reservation.

Those at the conference were Associate Forester Potter, chief of staff, General Leonard Wood and Adjutant General Ainsworth.

Mr. Potter laid before the army officials his latest information from the fire regions. His advice was that high winds on Sunday resulted in many dangerous fires. At Wallace, Idaho, one-quarter of the area of the town had been burned; Newport, Wash., was said to be threatened; and Libby and Troy, Mont., were in grave danger and each town asking for 250 troops.

Twenty-five fire fighters had been killed, according to the forestry reports, and Mr. Potter did not believe these had all been in the employ of the forest service. His reports mentioned only the loss of two women at Wallace, Idaho. Fires were said to be raging towards Mullin and Burke, Idaho, not far from Wallace, and the whole west end of Lolo, another Idaho town, was said to be blazing. All of the inhabitants in the St. Regis valley were reported to have been taken out on special trains. Two hundred men of the forest rangers' crew were reported to be in grave danger on the Idaho side of the east fork of the St. Joe river in the Bitter Root mountains. Fires in or near the Bitter Root, Missoula and Cabinet forests were beyond control.

The war department already has ordered 30 companies into the field. If other federal troops are to be ordered

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to the threatened regions, they must come from distant forts, and emergency funds must be provided for their transportation.

Incendiary, inadequate means of protecting the forests and unusually dangerous conditions have been blamed by Associate Forester Potter in a statement issued yesterday for the fires now raging in the Northwest. The present situation has proved so serious that Forester Henry S. Graves, who was on his way to Washington, has telegraphed the service from Rochester, N. Y., that he has turned back and is now on the way to the front to take charge of the fighting.

"We are summoning aid from every possible source and will continue to make the best fight we can; but unless a turn in the weather favors us, some of the fires will burn on until they go out for want of fuel," said Mr. Potter, after his conference with war department officials.

"On the Clearwater forest in northern Idaho," said Mr. Potter, "where had fires are now burning, the supervisor has a total force of 37 rangers and guards to protect 2,500,000 acres of forest. The country is so rough and wild and there are so few trails that it may take a week to get to the fire, and all supplies must be carried by pack trains."

The destruction of private property will doubtless prove to have been appalling in the aggregate, to say nothing of the loss of life.

A HOPELESS BATTLE

Brave Fire Fighters, Beaten and Exhausted, Flee to Safety.

Missoula, Mont., Aug. 23.—From every corner of western Montana and Idaho yesterday morning there were prayers that the weather bureau had forecasted accurately in predicting showers for yesterday. Nothing but rain, it was realized, could save the situation. The hundreds of weary men, who for days have battled with the flames in the forests, are staggering to safety with bloodshot eyes and aching limbs, immersing themselves in streams and burying their faces in mud for protection from the intense heat. The only improvement in the situation is at Wallace, where the remnants of the town is left, and at Mullin, where the town, threatened all day Sunday, is believed to be safe. It is reported that Saltese, in western Montana, is also out of danger.

The towns of Taft, DeBorgia, Henderson and the old part of St. Regis are in ashes. The old placer town of Murray in Idaho is in danger. The flames have the upper hand of the situation in a score of places. Rain is the only salvation of hundreds of miles of timber and of many camps and small towns. Men have fought the flames to the limit of human endurance and are withdrawing from the contests in many places. Especially is the situation serious in the densely timbered country along the lines of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul's western extension. Here the railway has suffered tremendous loss from fires in the very region where snowdrifts wrought havoc all last winter.

Bridges and stations have been burned. Wherever possible, the railway company has brought the people to safety in special trains. Yesterday morning there were two rescue trains on the St. Paul speeding toward Missoula, with about 600 people on board. There is another on the Northern Pacific Coeur d'Alene branch, with 25 women and children, taken from the burned town of St. Regis.

In Wallace, the death list may grow. The fires swept that town with such terrible swiftness that it is feared there will be more bones found in the ruins as the search progresses.

The most disastrous fires in this district yesterday were those in Sanders county, between Thompson and the Idaho line. These fires extend along an unbroken line for more than 60 miles and are in dense timber.

RECOVERY IS ASSURED.

Night Watch at Bedside of Mayor Gaynor Abandoned.

New York, Aug. 23.—For the first time since he was shot by James J. Gallagher, nearly two weeks ago, the night watch upon Mayor Gaynor was abandoned by his physicians last night. The bulletins had previously been given up and the full measure of the mayor's recovery was indicated by the doctors' statement that they would retire from the case in a few days.

Robert Adamson, the mayor's secretary, said last night that Mr. Gaynor could be moved now to his home, or taken to the Adirondacks, in perfect safety, but it has been deemed best to allow him to regain his full strength before he leaves the hospital.

Dr. William J. Arlitz, who has been in constant attendance on the mayor from the first, made at midnight the most positive statement yet issued.

"In my opinion," he said, "there is practically no chance that Mayor Gaynor should have a relapse. His recovery seems assured."

TAFT WRITES A LETTER

Denies That He Knew Anything of Plot

AGAINST ROOSEVELT

Claims He Urged the Former President's Wishes Be Learned and Consulted. Did Not Know Sherman Was Being Considered.

New York, Aug. 23.—President Taft not only had no part in any plot to defeat Theodore Roosevelt for temporary chairman of the Republican state convention at Saratoga (if there was such a plot) but he did not even know that Vice President Sherman was to be named or considered for the place.

The president made this clear in a very explicit letter which he sent today to Lloyd C. Griscom, president of the New York county Republican committee in response to a telegram from Mr. Griscom, which told the president bluntly that the absence of any authoritative information as to your attitude is seriously misleading many Republicans.

President Taft in his letter of reply declared that so far from desiring to disregard Roosevelt's wishes, he explicitly urged that the former president's wishes be learned and consulted, and that when he first learned from the vice president of a plan to oppose Roosevelt, he "peremptorily declined to be drawn into a fight with Mr. Roosevelt and again renewed my urgent advice that there be a personal conference with him."

Mr. Roosevelt when shown the letter last night, said that he was pleased with it.

The letter follows:

Beverly, Mass., Aug. 20, 1910.

"My Dear Mr. Griscom:—

"As you know from your telephone conversations with my office, I have steadily refused to admit the propriety or necessity of the president's replying to newspaper statements which are not based on any act or authorized word of his and have no sponsor. I am entirely willing, however, to reply categorically to your telegram of August 19, which has just arrived.

"The suggestion that I have ever expressed a wish to defeat Mr. Roosevelt for the temporary chairmanship of the convention or have ever taken the slightest step to do so is wholly untrue. I never heard Mr. Sherman's name suggested as temporary chairman of the state convention until I saw in the newspapers of August 16 that he had been selected at the meeting of the committee. When you called at my house Saturday evening, August 13, you told me that Mr. Roosevelt intended to go to the convention as a delegate and you suggested incidentally his being made temporary chairman—a suggestion in which I acquiesced—it did not occur to me that any one would oppose it. This was the first time the subject of the temporary chairmanship was mentioned to me by anyone. You did not ask me to take any action whatever with respect to it. After a full discussion of the New York state situation, I drafted in your presence the following telegram and sent it to Mr. Sherman on August 14:

"Please ask to Ward and Woodruff that I have had a long conference with Griscom. He confirms my judgment already expressed to you that the whole situation in New York may be saved without humiliation to any one and with victory for the party by a full conference with Mr. Roosevelt and reasonable concessions with reference to platform and candidates.

"On the afternoon of Monday, August 16, Mr. Sherman telephoned me from New York, and for the first time apprised me of the fact that there was a proposal to oppose Mr. Roosevelt for the temporary chairmanship, and that with Mr. Root's name. No other name then Mr. Root's was mentioned. I protested against the idea of a contest on such a matter, peremptorily declined to be drawn into a fight against Mr. Roosevelt, and again renewed my urgent advice that there be prompt and full personal conference with Mr. Roosevelt before the committee meeting, with a view to securing harmony and victory for the party.

"Mr. Sherman called upon me here on the 17th instant to meet an engagement of a week's standing made with him and Mr. Loudenslager to discuss the Congressional campaign text book. Mr. Loudenslager was prevented from coming by an illness. During the conference with Mr. Sherman I told him that I deplored the result of the meeting of the New York state committee, because unless the break were repaired, it meant division between New York Republicans and probable defeat. Upon leaving me, Mr. Sherman agreed to go into a conference with Mr. Roosevelt, provided he were invited to do so, with a view to adjusting the situation if possible, even at that late date. Nicholas Longworth was present and said he would send a telegram to bring about a conference. What the result has been I do not know.

"Finally, in your telegram, received this morning, you state that efforts have been made to create the impression that I favor a particular candidate for election as state chairman. This is absolutely

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ly untrue. I have expressed no opinion on the subject since an effort was made last winter by the New York Congressional delegation to secure Mr. Woodruff's retirement, which failed.

"I am very sorry indeed to observe columns of unfounded assertions in the newspapers concerning my attitude in respect to the New York situation. You know, however, as well as other New York leaders, that whenever advice or assistance in reaching a satisfactory adjustment of the difficulties arising has been sought, I have urged the necessity for the fullest conference with Mr. Roosevelt by members of the organization, and with due reference to honest differences of opinion have expressed the view which I still entertain that the solution of the direct primary issue can be found in provisions similar to those of the Cobb bill as amended in accord with the memorial signed by Mr. Seft Low, Mr. Joseph Choate and other prominent Republicans of New York City.

"Sincerely yours,

"William H. Taft."

HOW TO "SAVE" THE PARTY.

Mr. Roosevelt Will Outline His Programme.

Washington, Aug. 23.—On the eve of former President Roosevelt's departure from Oyster Bay, on a "speech-making tour of the West," Washington was today set agog by a well authenticated report that Mr. Roosevelt proposes in his coming speeches to announce a nation-wide programme of political policy which he believes will save the Republican party from impending defeat in the coming congressional campaign.

This program, it is understood, will set forth Mr. Roosevelt's views on the political issues of the day, including the tariff, conservation, corporation and railroad regulations, and other issues and the pronounced opinion will be thoroughly Rooseveltian, according to the report. The speeches will bring the Roosevelt policies up-to-date, but will not mention the Taft policies directly. If there is any diversity of opinion between Mr. Roosevelt and his successor in the White House the inferences will have to be drawn from the coming Roosevelt speeches. It is understood that Mr. Roosevelt will handle the Ballinger episode and the insurgent standstill fight without gloves and that he will make his position unmistakably clear on both subjects.

If current reports from those who profess to know the drift of Mr. Roosevelt's mind are correct, Republican insurgency will be the gainer after Mr. Roosevelt has concluded his trip.

There is no doubt among the friends of the former president here that he has definitely determined upon a programme of political action which will govern his future participation in political events and that this determination was reached two weeks ago, since when Mr. Roosevelt has turned his mind to other things. It can be stated with some definiteness that Mr. Roosevelt has reached his conclusions without assistance, at least so far as President Taft is concerned, it being understood here that little communication on political subjects has been passed between the two since Mr. Taft became president.

COLT IS TO SUCCEED ALDRICH.

Rhode Island Republicans Said to Favor Him for Senator.

Newport, R. I., Aug. 23.—It is said that Colonel Samuel P. Colt of Bristol, the head of the rubber trust, has been selected by the Republican party of Rhode Island to succeed Senator Nelson W. Aldrich. During the January session of the legislature, Colonel Colt, who declined a nomination four years ago by the party, will be nominated, and this is the general arrangement of his party.

TOLEDO GAINS 27.8 PER CENT.

Population of the Ohio City Now 168,479, Against 131,822 Ten Years Ago.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The population of Toledo, O., is 168,479, an increase of 36,657, or 27.8 per cent., as compared with 131,822 in 1900.

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UP-TO-DATE PIRATES FAIL

Two Men Try to Hold Up a Steamer

ONE OF THEM SHOOT

Down the Vessel's Captain—He Then Jumps Overboard; Other Taken.

The Attempt Is Made on a Pacific Coast Liner.

Eureka, Cal., Aug. 23.—The Alaska Pacific Steamship company's liner Buckman was held up at sea off this port Sunday by two passengers. Captain Ward was shot and killed by one of the men while resisting. The second man was overpowered by the engine-room crew. The passenger who shot the captain jumped overboard with a life preserver. The Buckman was en route from Seattle to San Francisco. At 2:15 o'clock Sunday morning, Fred Thomas, a passenger, went to the captain's room, while an accomplice descended to the engine-room. Both men were armed and they attempted to take possession of the vessel. Captain Wood refused to comply with Thomas' demand and was shot dead. Thomas ran out of the room, and, seeing his plans had miscarried, strapped on a life preserver and leaped into the sea. In the meantime, the accomplice had encountered resistance in the engine-room. He was overpowered and placed in irons. The Buckman is now proceeding to San Francisco in charge of first officer Brennan. He was expected to arrive in quarantine at noon yesterday. The attempt to rob the Buckman was reported to the steamer President, northbound. The President searched the vicinity for Thomas, without result. Word of the hold-up reached this city late Sunday night from Fort Humboldt by wireless telegraph.

Yesterday's American League Results. At New York, Detroit 8, New York 5. At Washington, Washington 4, Chicago 3. At Boston, Boston 8, St. Louis 2. At Philadelphia, Philadelphia 7, Cleveland 6.

American League Standing.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Philadelphia	77	34	.694
Boston	65	48	.575
Detroit	64	49	.569
New York	63	50	.558
Cleveland	59	61	.495
Washington	50	64	.438
Chicago	44	66	.400
St. Louis	34	75	.312

Yesterday's National League Results.

At Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh 6, Philadelphia 5; Pittsburgh 8, Philadelphia 4. At St. Louis, New York 11, St. Louis 4.

At Cincinnati, Brooklyn 8, Cincinnati 4. At Chicago, Chicago 7, Boston 6.

National League Standing.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Chicago	73	35	.676
Pittsburgh	66	41	.617
New York	62	44	.585
Philadelphia	54	55	.495
Cincinnati	54	57	.486
Brooklyn	44	65	.404
St. Louis	43	68	.387
Boston	42	71	.373

Diamond Scintillations.

"This indignant outcry against the 'buzzer' or the spy glass, with which the catcher's signals may be detected, is an absurdity," says John M. Ward, who was recently defeated by Thomas Lynch for the National league presidency.

The St. Louis Cardinals have secured Big Bill Steele, the crack pitcher of the Tri-State league Altoona team. The price paid was \$3,000.

Now that the pennant race seems settled as far as Boston is concerned, the friends of the Red Sox will watch with considerable interest to see if Bert Lerehen, the young infielder picked up in Detroit, has the ability to make good. Lerehen was under fire for three innings at St. Louis a week ago and acquitted himself very creditably.

Jack Knight formerly played shortstop for the Baltimore team.

The suit of Andrew Coakley, the pitcher, against the Chicago team of the National league, to recover \$3,280 damages for alleged breach of contract, brought originally in the state supreme court, has been transferred to the United States circuit court.

A crowd of 23,874 persons attended the game between Boston and Detroit last Saturday.

Benjamin Franklin Hunt, the new Red Sox pitcher from Sacramento, stands six feet two inches, and turns the beam at 173 pounds. Hunt is a native of Oklahoma.

The Doves turned the tables on Pittsburgh Saturday. Perhaps it was charity on the part of the Pirates, but just now they can't afford to be charitable.

Bridgeport still has a look-in on the pennant in the Connecticut league. Walter, the star pitcher, leads the league twirlers by winning seventeen out of twenty-five games played.

Philadelphia and Cincinnati are fighting hard for fourth position in the National league.

Altoona leads in the Tri-State league by a comfortable margin.

Pirates Have Had Many First Sackers. The Pittsburgh club has had more first basemen in recent years to put a white line on the field—Reckley, Harry Davis, Bransfield, Gill, Swacina, Kane, Abstein, Sharpe and Flynn.

WALTER JOHNSON NEVER PLAYED IN A MINOR LEAGUE.

The average baseball pitcher has at least two or three years of minor league experience before he attempts to make good in a major league. This is because his natural ability is not sufficient to win games for him when with the big fellows, and he must learn the strategy of the game, so that he can rely on it to help him out.

Walter Johnson of the Washington Americans is the one exception to this rule. He never played in a minor league and in fact never went through the primer grade of baseball. He jumped right into fast company and, unlike any other unseasoned youngster, made good right from the jump. This more than anything else proves his wonderful ability.

New American League Umpire. J. B. Colliflower, known as a pitcher a decade ago, is now a member of the American league umpiring staff. Colliflower was signed to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of Jack Sheridan from active duty on the field. He came from the South Atlantic league. The newcomer was a pitcher for the Cleveland club in 1909.

Struck a Rich Mine.

S. W. Bends of Coal City, Ala., says he struck a perfect mine of health in Dr. King's New Life Pills, for they cured him of liver and kidney trouble, after 12 years of suffering. They are the best pills on earth for constipation, malaria, headache, dyspepsia, debility. 25c at the Red Cross Pharmacy.

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First Big One of Season Is International Affair to Be Held Off Marblehead, Mass., Aug. 17, Between American and Spanish Yachts.

The sonderclass yacht seems to be growing in popularity. It first came into existence on this side of the Atlantic in 1900, when a series of races was arranged with the German yachtsmen, and since then some forty boats have been built for this class.

It is most popular in eastern waters and has proved successful. Those who are interested in the class do not propose to allow it to die out, and many races are to be held this year. The international races between the American and Spanish sonder boats are scheduled to start off Marblehead, Mass., Aug. 17. On Buzzards bay Sept. 3 there are to be races for the selection of a team to be sent to Kiel for international races in June, 1911.

To those who do not understand what the sonder boat is the following will no doubt prove interesting:

A sonderclass boat was designed to overcome yacht measurement rules and to produce the most boat on the water with the least boat under it—that is to say, with as little water line length and as much overhang as is possible in a racing length of thirty-two feet. In addition to this condition they must be weighed, and their displacement must not be more than 4,025 pounds, nor may they carry more than 550 square feet of sail.

In appearance they are not unlike the sneak box on longer and finer lines, for they have the long spoon bow and the square stern of the famous Jersey ducking boat. They are 31½ and main-sail rigged, with the forward end of the 31½ made fast inboard about two or three feet from the bow proper, one of the additional strange features of the boat.

They are flush decked, with a cockpit large enough to hold the crew of three men, the helmsman having to be both an amateur and a native of the country from which the boat hails, according to the rules. The boats are steered with an unusually long tiller. They have fin keels, are built of mahogany or cedar and average around twenty-five feet in length over all.

WHY THE ATHLETICS LEAD.

Manager Connie Mack Has Masterful Way of Manipulating His Pitchers.

One reason why the Athletics are safely perched on the top rung of the American league pennant race is the masterful way in which Connie Mack has manipulated his pitchers.

There is no such thing as a regular turn for the pitchers on his staff. Mack picks the clubs against which he believes his pitchers will do their best without any regard to rotation. For instance, one man may pitch twice against the club in one series. Often a star pitcher gets a rest of ten days because the clubs that he is always brilliant against are not about.

Krause has been in the American league two seasons, but hasn't pitched against every one of the Athletics' rivals. There are some teams that never get a chance to bat against Morgan, Bender, Plank, Coombs or Dygert.

Boston seldom gets a chance against any of Mack's right hands, Plank, Krause and Atkins pitch against the "speed boys."

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